FISCAL NOTE

SR 51

May 1, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL:

- directs the Commissioner of Agriculture to convene an advisory committee to assist in the examination of the large-scale breeding of dogs for commercial purposes and to recommend appropriate policies and adjustments.
- specifies membership of the committee to include two representatives from dog breeders associated with a recognized Tennessee Kennel Club, one member of a certified not-for-profit humane society organization, one individual active in animal advocacy, one member from the Tennessee Farm Bureau, and one representative from the U.S. Department of Agriculture associated with the federal Animal Welfare Act. Legislative members will be appointed by the Speaker of the Senate from nominees submitted by the Chairman of Senate Environment.
- provides that findings and recommendations are to be reported to the Senate Environment and Conservation Committee no later than October 1, 2001.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Estimate assumes examination of such issues can be handled within existing resources.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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